

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LOCAL JUVENILE FACILITIES INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Title 24, Part 1, Section 13-201 and Part 2, Section 460A

Section 13-201 (a) – Definitions: This section is amended to add new definitions for “new generation design” and “security glazing”. The definitions in Title 24 will duplicate those in Title 15, Section 1302.

SECTION 13-201 (c) INITIAL PLANNING FOR A LOCAL JUVENILE FACILITY

Section 13-201 (c) 2 – Comprehensive Needs Assessment Study/Targeted Needs Assessment: This section is amended to distinguish between a Comprehensive Needs Assessment, which is required for the construction of any new juvenile facility or the expansion of the rated capacity for an existing facility. And a “Targeted Needs Assessment”, which is defined as having a limited scope (i.e. add bed project), and this limited scope project has already received prior BOC approval during the submittal of a Comprehensive Needs Assessment.

Section 13-201 (c) 3 – Operational Program Statement: Editorial change to add the word operational to program statement. This change eliminates the confusion between the terms architectural program and program statement.

Section 13-201 (c) 6 – Design Requirements: This section is amended to add that telephone cords shall be of minimum length to facilitate use. This change is to reduce the suicide hazard of the longer telephone cord. This section is amended to require that all sleeping rooms are to be “wet” to eliminate the need for staff to escort minors to the restroom. This section is amended to clarify where “security glazing” is required in newly constructed or remodeled facilities. An editorial change was made to 13-201 (c) 6.B (6) Heating and Cooling to address the correct code citation. An editorial change; to 13-201 (c) 6.B (9) Security, was made to clarify that the facility design provides security and supervision appropriate to the classification level of minors in custody.

SECTION 460A.1 DESIGN CRITERIA FOR REQUIRED SPACES

Section 460A.1.2 – Locked Holding Room: This section is amended to require that locked holding rooms be equipped with toilet, wash basin, and drinking fountains, unless a procedure is in effect to allow a minor access to these services. This section is also amended to require that locked holding rooms have an outward swinging or lateral sliding door.

Section 460A.1.5 – Living Unit: This section is amended to clarify that a living unit shall not be divided by any permanent or temporary barrier that hinders direct access, supervision or immediate intervention or other action if needed.

Section 460A.1.6 – Locked Sleeping Rooms: This section is amended to require that locked sleeping rooms shall be equipped with an individual or combination toilet, wash basin and drinking fountain and that doors to locked sleeping rooms shall swing outward or slide laterally.

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Section 460A.1.7 – Single Occupancy Sleeping Rooms: This section is amended to increase the minimum square footage of a single occupancy room from 63 square feet of floor area to 70 square feet of floor area. This section is also amended to require that single and occupancy sleeping room doors swing outward or slide laterally.

Section 460A.1.8 – Double Occupancy Sleeping Rooms: This section is amended to require that double occupancy sleeping room doors swing outward or slide laterally. An editorial change was also made to add the word “view” in front of the word “panel” to create consistent wording of the standard.

Section 460A.1.9 – Dormitories: The current regulation allows a maximum dormitory size of 15 minors under “detained” status while providing a maximum dormitory size of 30 minors under “court commitment” status. This section is amended to allow a maximum dormitory size of 30 minors regardless of status.

Section 460A.1.13 – Safety Room: This section is amended to provide access to toilet, washbasin, and drinking fountains outside of the safety room. This section is also amended to add that a safety room be equipped with a variable intensity, security-type lighting fixture with controls located outside the room, and wall or ceiling devices must be inaccessible to the minor occupying the safety room.

Section 460A.2.10 – Security Glazing: This is a new regulation that requires security glazing to comply with the minimum requirements of specified tests as stated in the new regulation.